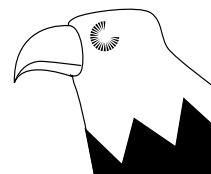


Chapter 13

Federal Compliance Program



INTRODUCTION

Although the NCA Federal Compliance Program will not take effect during the Self-Study period, Chandler-Gilbert Community College has elected to meet all requirements of the program ahead of NCA implementation dates. This chapter describes the efforts the college has taken to ensure compliance.

HIGHER EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT (1.A.5)

Chandler-Gilbert Community College has monitored its default rate on the Federal Family Educational Loan Program for many years. The most recent official default rates released by the Department of Education are for fiscal year 1992. The default rate for CGCC was 8.7% and was based on data from 1990, 1991, and 1992. Because CGCC was still an extension of Mesa Community College (MCC) until February 1992, the rate is based in part upon MCC borrowers repayment. The rate computation is established by regulations, and it allows new colleges to make a transition to rates that will eventually be independent from their parent institution.

CGCC's fiscal year 1993 default rates were to have been received from the Department of Education in the fall of 1995. However, information provided by lenders to the Department was found to be inaccurate for many schools, including CGCC. The Department has been currently reviewing data submitted by lenders and the new rates are to be released to colleges and universities starting in spring, 1996. Initial information received by CGCC's Director of Financial Aid, indicates that CGCC's new default rate computation will be 7.3%. This figure is subject to change depending on new information that may be received by the Department of Education.

A default reduction plan is only required if default rates are higher than 20%; therefore, CGCC is not required to have a reduction plan. However, CGCC has instituted college measures to ensure that our student loan default rate stays as low as possible.

CGCC has not yet received a program review by the Department of Education, although we believe we are complying with all federal regulations. In the fall of 1995, a state audit indicated that CGCC was in full compliance.

CREDITS, PROGRAM LENGTH, AND TUITION (1.C.9)

Almost all of the courses and programs at Chandler-Gilbert Community College include standard numbers of credits with standard tuition and fees. The one exception is the Associate of Applied Science degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technician (AMT), offered within the Aviation Division. The program length for an Associate of Applied Science degree is 83-92 credits, longer than most Associate degree programs, but necessary to prepare students for licensure as certified airframe, powerplant, or airframe and powerplant (A&P) technicians. This curriculum meets Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for the number of hours of instruction and for the level and type of competency expected of the students in general, airframe, and powerplant subject areas.

Appendix 6.B has a listing of all student tuition and fees at CGCC, including special fees for the Aviation programs. There is a \$90 lab fee for AMT courses (15 courses). These funds are used to purchase the consumables in support of approximately 900 hours of lab activities throughout the program. The fees also support the replacement of common tools that wear out or break.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION (III.A.1)

Chandler-Gilbert Community College's Aviation programs have been reviewed and are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Although the Aviation programs comprise a very small percentage of the college enrollment, the programs have always received the highest ratings.

DUAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION (III.A.3)

CGCC does not have affiliation with any federally-recognized institutional accrediting body, other than the NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

ADVERTISING AND RECRUITMENT MATERIALS (IV.B.2)

As has been discussed throughout this Self-Study Report, CGCC has provided fair and accurate information regarding its programs and policies to students, employees, and the community. Our advertising and recruiting materials are reviewed and approved by the Marketing Committee and/or the Dean of Administrative Services for fairness and accuracy.

The employees involved in the production of the catalog, class schedule, and student handbook have been notified of the NCA mandate to include the Commission's address and telephone number whenever reference is made to

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affiliation with NCA, and the 1996-97 production of those documents will comply with the mandate. As of summer 1996, all CGCC advertisements and recruitment materials which make reference to affiliation with the Commission, will include the Commission's address and telephone number.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION VISIT (IV.A.8)

CGCC has adequately notified the surrounding communities of the comprehensive Evaluation Visit scheduled for October, 1996. A series of spring and summer 1996 press releases to local newspapers informed the public of the college's interest in their input to the Self-Study process, as well as the dates scheduled for the visit. Copies of the press releases as well as the subsequent newspaper articles are provided in the NCA Resource Room.

In addition, the President's Advisory Council, the Associated Students Executive Council, and a variety of community leaders have been notified by letter about the Evaluation Visit and have been invited to participate in a reception for the Visiting Team.

SUMMARY

CGCC has taken the necessary steps to meet the standards of the new Federal Compliance Program even though the program was not fully in effect at the time of CGCC's Self-Study.

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